



TransIT Lines

“You can’t understand a city without using its public transportation system.” -Erol Ozan

Quarterly Newsletter

Local Management Board Needs Assessment Survey Frequently Mentions Transportation as a Need:

In 2013, The Frederick County Local Management Board distributed a Needs Assessment survey to “determine the strengths, gaps, and opportunities in the Human Service System for children and families in Frederick County.” The county-wide survey will better help TransIT improve and adjust our systems to better fit the needs of our community. Amongst focus group participants, many listed transportation as a top concern:

8% list transportation as the one of the biggest problems for children

18.3% state transportation as the greatest barrier to access services

13.5% would improve/provide transportation

As the need for public transportation in Frederick County increases, TransIT is continuously looking at opportunities to expand existing routes and add new services. Offering the Summer Freedom Pass to youth ages 13-18 during summer months helps adolescents access jobs, extracurricular activities, and safe alternatives when school is out. Vendor selections are currently underway for a mobile provider that will enable passengers to purchase tickets from their mobile phones. Other options are also being discussed.

Currently, bus stations throughout the City and within major shopping, work, and medical locations provide access for community members. Nearly 865,000 trips were provided in FY13!



Drive Green if you can’t ride with TransIT:

Follow these simple steps from goDCgo to save emissions and reduce gas consumption:

- **Avoid rapid starts & stops:** saves \$1 per gallon according to the EPA
- **Keep your trunk empty:** 2% gas mileage savings for each 100 pounds emptied
- **Slow down:** keeping with the flow of traffic improves gas mileage by 7-23% when driving 60mph or less
- **Roll down your windows:** use air conditioning only at speeds over 40 mph to save fuel!

Free Rides on Earth Day!

Tuesday, April 22, 2013, TransIT Services of Frederick County will observe Earth Day by providing **FREE** rides on the Connector and Shuttle routes. Riding public transportation is one of the easiest ways to save energy, help the environment and reduce traffic congestion!

Public transportation systems play a vital role in creating a healthier environment by reducing smog-producing pollutants and greenhouse gases. Join the millions of Americans doing their part to improve the environment and ride transit instead of driving on Tuesday April 22nd.

Did You Know?

- Public transportation provides personal mobility and freedom for people from every walk of life.
- The average household spends 16 cents of every dollar on transportation - 94% of this goes to buying, maintaining, and operating cars, ***the largest expenditure after housing.***
- Public transportation provides access to job opportunities for millions of Americans.
- Households near public transit drive an average of 4,400 fewer miles than households with no access to public transit. This equates to an individual household reduction of 223 gallons per year.
- Public transit is a vital link for the more than 51 million Americans with disabilities.

Nationwide, people board public transportation more than thirty-five (35) million times each weekday.



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Welcome New Staff:

We are pleased to welcome new Shuttle Drivers: Chad Abrecht, Jimmy Hamilton, Larry O'Brien; new Fixed Route Drivers: Timothy Hawks, Margo Henderson, Bonnell Jocelyn, Ralph Johnson, Leesa Lightner; and Community Relations Manager Adrienne Moretz.

Save the Date:



Register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org for a chance to win a free bicycle from The Bicycle Escape in Frederick, MD!

Transit Services of Frederick County is a department of the Citizen Services division of the Frederick County, MD government. Transit services include public transit, paratransit, and commuter assistance services to Frederick County residents and area commuters. TransIT's fleet of 52 vehicles provided 864,013 one-way passenger trips in FY13. The Transportation Association of Maryland selected TransIT as the 2013 Best Fixed Route System in the state and TransIT driver Ray Milburn as the Paratransit Driver of the year.

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